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GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING

February 8, 2006--9:30 A.M.

STATE SECONDARY COMPLEX, 7150 HARRIS DRIVE, LANSING
GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM B

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Pytlik, Chairperson
Dr. Tycho Fredericks
Mr. Dennis Emery

Mr. George Reamer
Mr. Jeffrey Radjewski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. James Baker, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael Eckert

Ms. Geri Johnson

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Doug Kalinowski, Director, MIOSHA
Mr. John Brennan, Director, General
Industry Safety & Health Division
Ms. Cindy Eicher, Standards Section

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle, Program Manager
Standards Section
Mr. John Peck, Director, Management and
Technical Services Division

VISITORS ATTENDING:

Mr. Timothy Koury

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION IS TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND VISION NECESSARY TO ENSURE A SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN.

THE COMMISSION INVOLVES EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY STANDARDS AS IT ENDEAVORS TO CONTINUALLY EXAMINE AND IMPROVE THOSE STANDARDS FOR PURPOSE, CLARITY, APPLICABILITY, ENFORCEABILITY, AND COST EFFECTIVENESS.

OUR VISION IS TO BE A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN SAFETY FOR THE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN BY INCORPORATING THE CHANGING NEEDS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODS INTO OUR STANDARDS.

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Agenda Item #1--Call to Order and Roll Call

The February 8, 2006 General Industry Safety Standards Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pytlik. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2—Introduction of New Commissioners

Marsha Parrott-Boyle introduced the two new members of the General Industry Safety Standards Commission Dennis Emery and Jeffrey Radjewski who were appointed December 29, 2005. Everyone introduced themselves, stated who they represent and told briefly of their current employment and their history with employee safety.

Agenda Item #3—Election of Officers

Marsha Parrott-Boyle facilitated the annual election and explained they needed to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2006. A motion was made by Commissioner Pytlik and seconded by Commissioner Reamer to nominate Commissioner Baker as chairperson. Ms. Parrott-Boyle accepted the nomination on behalf of Commissioner Baker who was unable to attend but indicated he would accept if nominated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Reamer to nominate Commissioner Fredericks as vice chairperson. Commissioner Fredericks respectfully declined the nomination

A motion was made by Commissioner Fredericks and seconded by Commissioner Pytlik to nominate Commissioner Eckert as vice chairperson. Ms. Parrott-Boyle accepted the nomination on behalf of Commissioner Eckert who was unable to attend but indicated he would accept if nominated.

MOTION CARRIED with one abstention.

Marsha Parrott-Boyle turned the meeting over to Acting Chairperson Pytlik.

Agenda Item #4--Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2005

A motion was made by Commissioner Reamer and was seconded by Commissioner Fredericks to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2005 Commission meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #5--Standards Section Update—Marsha Parrott-Boyle

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle advised the Commissioners that a copy of OH Part 681, Radiation in Construction: Ionizing and Nonionizing Standard was included in their packet to inform them of the newly revised standard. Commissioners are advised of all new and updated standards for MIOSHA

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle reviewed with the commissioners the MIOSHA Strategic Goals for FY04-08. She pointed out that Goal 3.3B specifically applies to the standards program, that goal is to reduce the backlog of Commission directed standards to be revised by seventy percent (70%) over five years. She distributed a backlog summary of the standards currently underway and those awaiting revision and their order of priority. She advised that we are just starting up a new advisory committee to work on drafting a Tower Erection standard.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised the commissioners that the ergonomics advisory committee has held 22 meetings and is doing an outstanding job. They are operating on a consensus ruling, not a majority ruling. She advised that later in the meeting Commission Fredericks would be providing an update on the Ergonomics Advisory Committee's progress.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised that CS Part 32 & GI Part 58, Aerial Lifts Advisory Committee has been holding meetings since July. The Committee is working to make the two standards more consistent with each other (with regard to similar fall protection). The Committee has met 5 times and is making excellent progress and after a few more meetings the Committee may have a recommendation for revisions to bring before the Commissioners.

Agenda Item #6--General Industry Safety and Health Division Update--John Brennan, Director

Mr. John Brennan referred back to MIOSHA's Strategic Plan that was discussed earlier and stated that his division is responsible for goals 1.1, 1.2, 1.4 and 3.2.

Mr. Brennan informed the Commission that GISHD currently has 27 safety officers, 23 industrial hygienists and two field investigators in the Employee Discrimination Section.

Mr. Brennan advised the commissioners that the two enforcement divisions along with the Consultation, Education and Training Division attended training on December 7 and 8, 2005. At this training there was a review of the appeal process; guest speaker from DEQ to discuss referrals made between agencies and updates to the Field Operations Manual were reviewed, there were no major changes but updates were made to work towards consistency within the different divisions.

The General Industry Safety and Health Division has had a 30% increase in the number of employee complaints. A work group is meeting to see if any improvements can be made to the complain process.

The Employee Discrimination Section has been working towards a goal of handling discrimination cases within 90 days, as of December that has improved to 70%, very close to the strategic plan goal to resolve 75% of all MIOSHA discrimination cases within 90 days of receipt of the complaint. Last year they were at 35%.

Mr. Brennan stated that the UP Safety Conference was held on January 26, 2006 with over 250 in attendance and a variety of safety classes were held.

Mr. Brennan informed the commissioners that MIOSHA is continuing to work with federal OSHA on providing assistance in the Louisiana gulf area. Employees are working on a rotation in shifts for twelve hour days for fourteen days straight.

Mr. Brennan reviewed the latest fatality report with the commissioners there has been one fatality assigned to his division so far in calendar year 2006. Mr. Brennan reviewed the fatality with the Commission. A more detailed report, including a chart, for the fatalities occurring in 2005 will be provided at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #7--MIOSHA Update—Doug Kalinowski

Mr. Kalinowski stated as shown by the fatality report previously discussed by Mr. Brennan that there were no programmed related fatalities in Michigan in the month of January. This is the first time in 24 years that this has occurred.

Mr. Kalinowski announced that MIOSHA was releasing the interactive CD: Michigan OSHA Walkthrough for Manufacturers a Safety Awareness Training next week. The Consultation, Education and Training Division will be doing a widespread distribution of about 30,000 copies. Standards Section staff will provide copies to the commissioners.

Mr. Kalinowski announced that since Governor's Workplace Safety and Health Forum in November was so positive the agency was able to put together a similar program for construction. This will be held on March 6, 2006 in the VisTaTech Building at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia, Michigan. Staff is hopeful the Lt. Governor will be able to attend. Mr. Kalinowski shared with the commissioners a list of who would be speaking at this event

Mr. Kalinowski stated that MIOSHA is going to be with the Wage and Hour Division on a youth initiative. They are hoping to be able to reach great numbers of current and future Michigan employees while they are still in school and get them thinking about safety in the workplace.

Mr. Kalinowski shared with the commission information that HB 5447 that had been passed by the legislature in an effort to change Act 154 and dictating that no budgeted money be used to pursue an ergonomic standard was vetoed by the Governor. Ms. Parrott-Boyle indicated that once the Ergonomic Advisory Committee completes a proposed standard it will then return to the commission for their decision on whether to promulgate a standard.

Mr. Kalinowski advised that effective February 3, 2006 David Hollister had resigned from the position of Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Robert W. Swanson will be acting director until the new Direction Paula Cuningham begins her appointment as Director.

Agenda Item #8--OSHA Update--Cynthia Hutchens-Smith, Lansing Area Director

Ms. Hutchens-Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item #9--Old Business

a. Part 58, Vehicle Mounted Elevating and Rotating Platforms

This item is postponed until a later meeting, when the committee may appeal to the commission to expand the scope of their charge.

b. Ergonomics – Tycho Fredericks

Mr. Fredericks reviewed with the commissioners that the charge before the advisory committee was to develop a consensus standard which included the minimal steps and/or processes for an ergonomic standard what would be a win/win situation for both employees and employers. Mr. Fredericks stated that the committee has been meeting for over two years. The committee has stayed away from the injury trigger and is still discussing the term on "an effective program" and the grandfather clause. He stated that the commissioners are welcome to attend if they would like to observe the work and efforts of the advisory committee members. The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2006 in the General Office Building. The major issues that the committee has on its 'to do' list are working on the appendices and looking at the scope for any limitations.

Acting Chairperson Pytlik expressed thanks to Commissioner Frederick for all his efforts and commitment to serving as the commission's liaison to the Ergonomics Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Reamer asks for any draft that the commission could receive from the Part 58, Vehicle Mounted Elevating and Rotating Platforms Advisory Committee. Staff will provide this at the next scheduled meeting.

Agenda Item #8--New Business

None

Agenda Item #11—Next Meeting

The next General Industry Safety Standards Commission meeting will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Safety Conference at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. The Meeting will take place on April 18, 2006 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the adjacent Radisson Hotel

Agenda Item #12--Public Comment

The Commissioners thanks former Commissioner Tim Koury for his years of service and his efforts during his tenure on the General Industry Safety Standards Commission.

Agenda Item #13--Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Emery and was seconded by Commissioner Radjewski that with no further business before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. James Baker, Chairperson

Date